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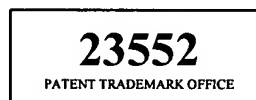
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the International Search Report. Applicants notes U.S. Patent Nos. 5,806,999 and 6,279,901 B1 also listed in the search report were previously cited to or by the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed March 17, 2005.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

Certification Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d)

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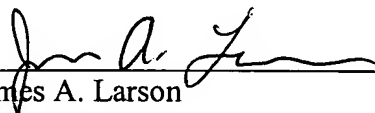
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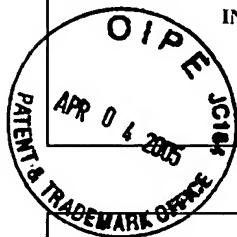
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,203,553	04/20/1993	Chiang			
	2002/0127043 A1	09/12/2002	McCue, Jr. et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		Manual, "Quick help hp deskjet 9xx series," XP-002319443, pp. 1-116 (2000)

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